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LEONIDAS RALPH MECHAM
Secretary

November 17, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

SUBJECT: *Transmittal of Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and
Procedure*

By direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, pursuant to the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 331, I have the honor to transmit herewith for consideration of the Court the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy and Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts and accompanying form, and the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings for the United States District Courts and accompanying form, which were approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2003 session. The Judicial Conference recommends that these changes be approved by the Court and transmitted to the Congress pursuant to law.

For your assistance in considering these proposed amendments, I am attaching a memorandum from Judge David F. Levi briefly summarizing the proposed amendments and a report on amendments that raised significant interest. I am also transmitting excerpts from the Report of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure to the Judicial Conference and the reports of the various advisory rules committees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph Mecham", written in a cursive style.

Leonidas Ralph Mecham
Secretary

Attachments

cc: Honorable David F. Levi
Professor Daniel R. Coquillette